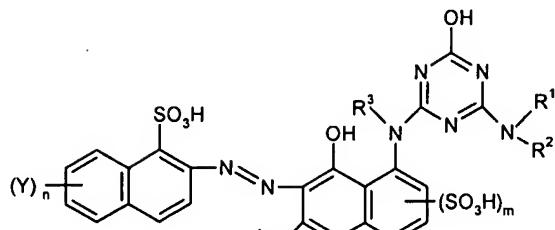


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A compound of Formula (1) and salts thereof:



Formula (1)

wherein:

R¹ and R³ are each independently H or optionally substituted alkyl;
R² is optionally substituted either alkyl carrying a water-solubilising group selected from the group consisting of OH, -(OCH₂CH₂)_q-, where q is from 1 to 10, carboxylic acid and sulfonic acid groups and salts thereof; or a C₁₋₁₂-alkyl group free from water-solubilising groups;
Y is OH, CO₂H, SO₃H or PO₃H₂; and
n and m each independently have a value of 0 or 1;
provided that the compound of Formula (1) is free from fibre reactive groups.

2. (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound of Formula (1) is in the form of a lithium, sodium, potassium or quaternary ammonium salt, or a mixture thereof.
3. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ and/or R² comprise a water-solubilising group.
4. (original): A compound according to claim 3 wherein the water-solubilising group is ionic.
5. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ and/or R² is a C₁₋₁₂-alkyl group free from water-solubilising groups.
6. (previously presented): An ink comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a liquid medium.

7. (currently amended): An ink comprising:

- (a) from 0.01 to 30 parts of a compound according to claim 1; and
- (b) from 70 to 99.99 parts of a medium comprising component (i), (ii) or (iii):
 - (i) a mixture of water and an organic solvent; or
 - (ii) an organic solvent free from water; or
 - (iii) a low melting point solid;

wherein all parts are by weight and the number of parts (a) + (b) = 100.

8. (original): An ink jet printing ink according to either claim 6 or 7.

9. (original): A process for printing an image on a substrate comprising applying an ink according to claim 8 to the substrate by means of an ink jet printer.

10. (previously presented): A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed with an ink according to claim 8.

11. (original): An ink jet printer cartridge containing an ink according to claim 8.

12. (previously presented): A paper, an overhead projector slide or a textile material printed by a process according to claim 9.

13. (new): A compound according to claim 3 wherein R² is alkyl carrying a water-solubilising group selected from the group consisting of OH, -(OCH₂CH₂)_q-, where q is from 1 to 10, carboxylic acid and sulfonic acid groups and salts thereof.